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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, July 25, 2008 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 80.3 million pounds during June. This was up 7 percent from one year ago and also from last month. For June, pork production was up from one year ago, while sheep and lamb production was down, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 372,700 head during June compared to 351,400 head the year before. Average live weight was 255 pounds, which was up 1 pound from June 2007.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 300 head during June compared to 1,200 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 124 pounds, which was up 1 pound from June 2007.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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